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“There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work, and learning from failure.” - General Colin Powell

Retirements

COL Kenneth Nettles
CW4 John Eskridge

Returning

LTC Jeffrey Tipton
-from Army War College

New Hires

CW4 Scott Hauge-
AASF #2
SGT Peter Barwick-
R&R CMD



Did you know?

We'd hate to lose you, but if you're looking to separate from the AGR program you **must** coordinate your out-processing through the AGR Branch.

D-DAY

THE INVASION OF NORMANDY

Originally scheduled for June 5, 1944, a case of bad weather suspended the invasion of Normandy, France (Operation Overload) until June 6, 1944, which has been known to all as D-Day, and quite possibly, the greatest military undertaking in all of history. While Americans sat at home listening to the invasion via radio, more than 5,000 vessels, carrying more than 150,000 men and 30,000 vehicles crossed the English Channel. Over 13,000 men from six different parachute regiments were flown in from more than 800 British planes. Surprisingly, Brigadier General Theodore Roosevelt, Jr. landed more than 2,000 yards from where he was scheduled, and was awarded the Medal of Honor for stating, “We will start the war from here,” and doing so well in the battle. Taking the most severe losses was the Omaha Beach landing site. More than 6,000 of the first 35,000 troops died within the first hour of landing, with an additional 8,000 killed throughout the day. Today, an American cemetery hosts 9,387 graves on the beach and a Garden of the Missing for those whose remains were not recovered.

Change In Deployment Tours

By now most of you have heard, but for those who haven't, a recent change has been implemented for the Soldiers serving deployment tours in Iraq and Afghanistan. Effective immediately, all active-duty Army Soldiers will serve [15-month tours](#) overseas. The change, however, will not affect Army National Guard and Army Reserve Soldiers, who will continue to serve 12 month tours.

D-Day FACTS

-9,000 allied Soldiers killed by nightfall
-13,000 bombs dropped by more than 300 planes
-30,000 German POW's sent to the U.S. per month from D-Day to Christmas of 1944

ARMY WAR COLLEGE

Ever wonder what officers do at the Army War College (AWC)? According to recent graduate LTC Jeff Tipton, "the AWC is an intense curriculum focused on providing senior leaders the opportunity to confer on issues of national security, policy and strategic thinking." AWC students include senior officers from all branches of the military, DA civilians and international fellows.

LTC Tipton completed the highly coveted resident course (ten months at Carlisle Barracks in Carlisle, PA), and was awarded a Master's Degree in Strategic Studies. The AWC also offers a two-year non-resident Distance Learning course.

Although the AWC is not currently an educational requirement for officers, AWC graduates generally place higher on promotion and command selection boards. AWC graduates also bring a unique strategic perspective to the business of go-to-war readiness, a highly desirable trait in today's asynchronous battlefield.

ANNUAL TRAINING NOTES

Eating at the chow hall or dining facility for AT? As an AGR Soldier you are required to pay for all meals provided on behalf of the government. If you do not pay for your meals when signing in you are subject to meal collections once your AT performance is complete. Just because meals are available does not mean the Soldier is due a collection, the Soldier must eat at the chow hall/dining facility. If a Soldier decides to eat elsewhere and pays for their own meal expenses no collections are necessary. Remember, this process does not just apply to annual training. AGR Soldiers are also responsible for paying for meals provided during drill also if utilized. (Note to admin. clerks- meal collections for AGR Soldiers will be annotated on a DA 4187 broken down by day and meal with orders attached.)



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NOTE: When submitting documents through IPERMS pertaining to AGR Soldiers please indicate "AGR" in the remarks column. This will ensure that the documents are routed through the AGR office and reviewed in a timely manner. Not indicating that the Soldier is AGR could ultimately delay the processing of transactions.

FYI- Notice a zip code change on your LES? The AGR section is currently auditing all zip codes for AGR's. As an AGR Soldier you are entitled to receive BAH-I at your permanent duty station according to your orders, not your home of record.

Have a website, link, or question that you think should be featured in next month's AGR Newsletter? Send your suggestions to: tiffany.fisher@us.army.mil.